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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NATO, BE

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FOR F-104

REF: STATE 66995

ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN SPOKE TO BELGIAN AMBASSADOR LORIDAN AFTERNOON APRIL 3 TO INDICATE WE HAVE HEARD THERE MAY BE QUICK BELGIAN DECISION ON F-104 REPLACEMENT AND THIS SEEMED STRANGE IN LIGHT OF CARETAKER SITUATION. LORIDAN AGREED. HARTMAN SAID WE HAD INFORMED LEBURTON GOVERNMENT OF OUR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT AND BELIEVE THESE VIEWS SHOULD BE REITERATED TO THE NEW BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WHEN IT IS INSTALLED. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO AND WOULD BE CONCERNED IF BELGIAN DECISION IS TAKEN BEFORE WE  
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HAVE HAD SUCH OPPORTUNITY. LORIDAN LATER CONFIRMED HE HAD

REPORTED FOREGOING TO BRUSSELS AND HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT  
SABCA AND BAF REPRESENTATIVES WOULD SOON BE VISITING U.S.  
FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ONE OR MORE MANUFACTURERS.  
THE AMBASSADOR CALLED HARTMAN BACK THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 4  
TO SAY THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED (BUT NOT IN RESPONSE  
TO HIS CABLE ON CONVERSATION WITH HARTMAN) THAT THE BELGIAN  
AUTHORITIES PLAN TO CALL IN AMBASSADOR STRAUSSZ-HUPE IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE TO TELL HIM OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE  
BELGIAN DECISION ON F-104 REPLACEMENT. LORIDAN HAD NO IN-  
DICATION OF WHETHER THE DECISION WAS IMMINENT. RUSH

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